"People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf."

-George Orwell



Maj. Gen. Thomas Eres, Adjutant General of California, views "Freedom Fountain," a restored fountain originally built by Italian prisoners-of-war that were confined at Camp Roberts during WWII. The fountain will be dedicated to the memory of California National Guard soldiers lost in the Global War on Terrorism

Freedom Fountain

ne Freedom Fountain, discovered by the Task Force Victory construction crew after having been buried nearly 60 years under a foot of dirt, was originally constructed during World War II by Italian prisoners of war held at Camp Roberts.

The crew members decided to restore the fountain to help preserve Camp Roberts' history, and

have added to it in memory of all California Army National Guard soldiers who have fallen in the line of duty in the Global War on

The Fountain is a constant symbol of the ultimate sacrifice soldiers make and a reminder to all who train at Soldier Field that what they learn here will save their lives and the lives of their fellow soldiers.

SYMBOLOGY OF PARTS:

Helmet—represents a soldier at prayer.

Weapons—represents guardians protecting the site.

Water cascading down—represents tears for those who gave their lives in service for their country. Mural in the Pond—represents those soldiers who served their country.





Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Syzdek and Maj. Michael Leeney wrap the flag of the 3rd Battalion, 160th Infantry Regiment.

Task Force 3-160 completes training at Camp Roberts



By Staff Sgt. Tom Murotake CAMP ROBERTS PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE embers of the California Army National Guard's 3rd Battalion, 160th Infantry Regiment, have completed training at Camp Roberts and cased their colors in a ceremony on October

The unit now has the designation of Task Force 3-160 Infantry, and will deploy overseas shortly as Multi-National Force and Observers (MFO) 48 to the Sinai Peninsula, observing the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel signed in 1979. The Sinai peacekeeping mission is one of the longest-running United Nations peacekeeping missions in the

world. With a 150-mile by 50-mile area of operations, the Task Force is keeping the peace in a very large area indeed. "We are the only infantry battalion in the world securing that much territory," said Lt. Col. Andrew Flynn, the battal-

ion commander. This mission marks the first time a California Army National Guard unit has deployed to the Sinai peacekeeping mission and this one-year assignment is a first for any Army infantry battalion; previous rotations had only been six months in duration. "We have a unique opportunity to set the standard for every infantry battalion that follows us on this mission," Flynn said.

As part of a ceremony steeped in tradition, the casing of the battalion's colors symbolized the battalion leaving the command of the 40th Infantry Division, its higher headquarters, and the command of the State of California.

Flynn also recognized the sacrifices of the families of the soldiers. "Taking a husband, brother, uncle or grandfather away for 16 months is a very difficult situation to place you in," he said. "It is most difficult for our children who will miss their fathers."

However, for the families and the soldiers, Flynn spoke of the higher purpose of the mission by quoting an unnamed poet: "'We are fortunate that we can sleep well at night because there are rough men at the ready who are guarding our doors," he said. "We are those rough soldiers who are ferocious in war and gentlemen in peace guarding the doors so that our families can sleep well at night knowing they are well-protected.'

The Task Force will report to Fort Lewis, Wash., this week for an additional month of training before assuming the peacekeeping mission in January.

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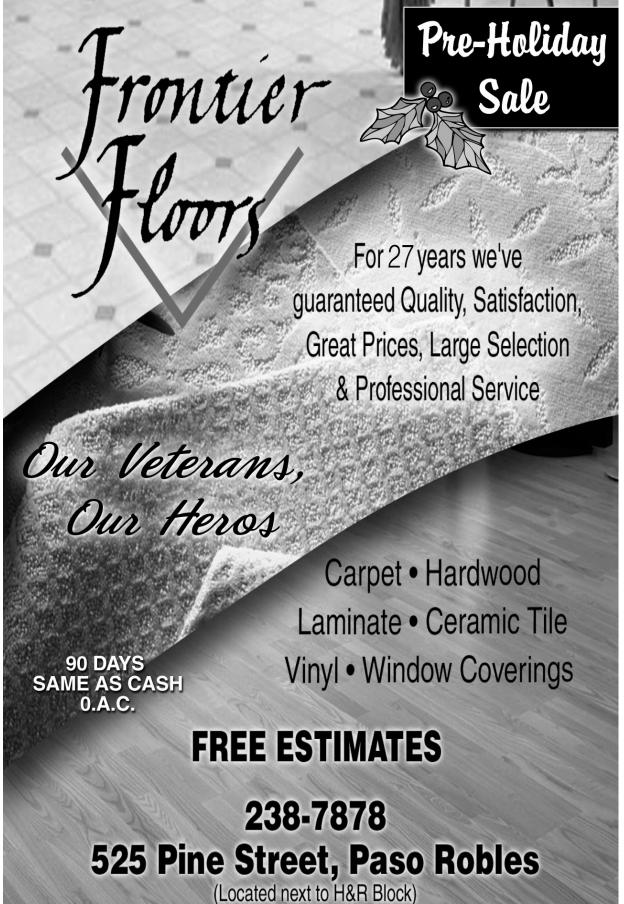
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